

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 2829, making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8641–S8730

Measures Introduced: Twenty-two bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1723–1744, and S. Res. 260–261. **Pages S8691–92**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 845, to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to expand and intensify programs with respect to research and related activities concerning elder falls. (S. Rept. No. 110–110)

S. 175, to provide for a feasibility study of alternatives to augment the water supplies of the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District and cities served by the District, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–111)

S. 324, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of water resources in the State of New Mexico. (S. Rept. No. 110–112)

S. 542, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct feasibility studies to address certain water shortages within the Snake, Boise, and Payette River systems in the State of Idaho. (S. Rept. No. 110–113)

S. 1037, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assist in the planning, design, and construction of the Tumalo Irrigation District Water Conservation Project in Deschutes County, Oregon. (S. Rept. No. 110–114)

S. 1110, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to provide for the conjunctive use of surface and ground water in Juab County, Utah. (S. Rept. No. 110–115)

S. 1139, to establish the National Landscape Conservation System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–116)

H.R. 235, to allow for the renegotiation of the payment schedule of contracts between the Secretary

of the Interior and the Redwood Valley County Water District. (S. Rept. No. 110–117)

H.R. 276, to designate the Piedras Blancas Light Station and the surrounding public land as an Outstanding Natural Area to be administered as a part of the National Landscape Conservation System, and for other purposes. (S. Rept. No. 110–118)

H.R. 482, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer ownership of the American River Pump Station Project. (S. Rept. No. 110–119)

H.R. 839, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the feasibility of enlarging the Arthur V. Watkins Dam Weber Basin Project, Utah, to provide additional water for the Weber Basin Project to fulfill the purposes for which that project was authorized. (S. Rept. No. 110–120)

H.R. 886, to enhance ecosystem protection and the range of outdoor opportunities protected by statute in the Skykomish River valley of the State of Washington by designating certain lower-elevation Federal lands as wilderness. (S. Rept. No. 110–121)

H.R. 902, to facilitate the use for irrigation and other purposes of water produced in connection with development of energy resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–122)

S. 1257, to provide the District of Columbia a voting seat and the State of Utah an additional seat in the House of Representatives, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 110–123)

H.R. 2771, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, without recommendation.

H. Con. Res. 7, Calling on the League of Arab States and each Member State individually to acknowledge the genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan and to step up their efforts to stop the genocide in Darfur, with an amendment and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 203, calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China to use its unique influence and economic leverage to stop genocide and violence in Darfur, Sudan, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 253, expressing the sense of the Senate that the establishment of a Museum of the History of American Diplomacy through private donations is a worthy endeavor. **Page S8691**

Measures Passed:

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 179, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

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Andean Trade Preference Act Extension: Senate passed H.R. 1830, to extend the authorities of the Andean Trade Preference Act until September 30, 2009, clearing the measure for the President.

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Measures Considered:

Comprehensive Immigration Reform: Senate continued consideration of S. 1639, to provide for comprehensive immigration reform, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Modified Amendment No. 1934, of a perfecting nature. **Page S8641**

Division VII of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Modified Amendment No. 1934. **Page S8641**

Division VIII of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Modified Amendment No. 1934. **Page S8641**

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Kennedy Amendment No. 1978 (to Division VII of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Modified Amendment No. 1934), to change the enactment date. **Page S8641**

During consideration of this measure today, the Senate also took the following action:

By 46 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 235), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Pages S8650–51**

A unanimous-consent agreement was granted permitting Senator Lugar to change his nay vote to a yeas vote on Vote No. 231 changing the outcome of the vote to 57 yeas to 40 nays relative to Division III of Reid Modified Amendment No. 1934, tabled on June 27, 2007. **Pages S8674–75**

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 1585, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, be withdrawn; that the motion to proceed be agreed to, and that Senate begin consideration of the bill, and that on Monday, July 9, 2007, following morning business, Senate resume consideration of the bill. **Page S8724**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. EX. 237), Benjamin Hale Settle, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington.

By unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. EX. 238), Richard Sullivan, of New York, to be United

States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Joseph S. Van Bokkelen, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana.

By 94 yeas 4 nays (Vote No. EX. 236), Lt. Gen. Douglas E. Lute U.S. Army. **Pages S8662–66, S8670–73, S8720–23, S8727–30**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Donald B. Marron, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

Brent T. Wahlquist, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

Christopher Egan, of Massachusetts, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador.

Reed Verne Hillman, of Massachusetts, to be United States Marshal for the District of Massachusetts for the term of four years.

Thomas M. Beck, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term expiring July 29, 2012.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

John Ray Correll, of Indiana, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007. **Page S8730**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—238) **Pages S8650–51, S8670–71, S8672, S8672–73**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:04 p.m., until 9:45 a.m. on Friday, June 29, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8724.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

H.R. 2764, making appropriations for Department of States, foreign operations, and related program, with an amendment;

An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008;

An original bill making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008.

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION BUDGET

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2008 for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr., USN (Ret.), Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, and Administrator, NOAA.

GLOBAL WARMING ISSUES

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine global warming issues in the power plant sector, after receiving testimony from James E. Rogers, Duke Energy Corporation, Charlotte, North Carolina; Peter A. Darbee, Pacific Gas and Electric Corporation (PG&E), San Francisco, California; Lewis Hay, III, Florida Power and Light Company (FLP), Juno Beach; David G. Hawkins, Natural Resources Defense Council, Jason Grumet, National Commission on Energy Policy, Thomas J. Donohue, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and Marlo Lewis, Competitive Enterprise Institute, all of Washington, D.C.; Robert E. Murray, Murray Energy Corporation, Cleveland, Ohio; and Thomas J. Borelli, Free Enterprise Action Fund, Eastchester, New York.